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FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PER YOUR REQUEST:

WALID SALAH, 54, A LAWYER FROM NABLUS AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN BAR ASSOCIATION, IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS A SENATOR. AN ARAB NATIONALIST AND A POLITICAL OPPORTUNIST, SALAH HAS HAD AN UNEVEN PUBLIC CAREER. DISMISSALS BECAUSE OF PRO-EGYPTIAN ACTIVITY OR HINTS OF CORRUPTION HAVE SEPARATED HIS VARIOUS POSITIONS AS ATTORNEY, JUDGE, FOREIGN MINISTER (1954-55) AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (1957). SALAH REPRESENTED JORDAN AT THE PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION IN LAUSANNE IN 1949. DURING AN AUGUST 1972 VISIT TO THE WEST BANK, SALAH MADE APPLICATION TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN THE AREA. HE IS DIGNIFIED AND CYNICAL. SALAH SPEAKS ENGLISH AND GERMAN. HE IS MARRIED.

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HASAN ANIS IBRAHIM, 45, WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MAY 1973. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED SINCE FEBRUARY 1969 AS AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW AND IS A KEEN OBSERVER OF THE RUSSIANS. COMPETENT MODEST AND LOW-KEYED, IBRAHIM IS PRO-AMERICAN AND IN 1972

EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE US POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE OCTOBER 1973 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, IBRAHIM, AS A DELEGATE TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND DIRECT OR INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. IBRAHIM ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1953 AND JOINED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1959. HE AND HIS LEBANESE WIFE HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. IBRAHIM SPEAKS ENGLISH AND SOME FRENCH.

EDMUND (ADWAN) ROCKE, ABOUT 65, A CHRISTIAN ORIGINALLY FROM JAFFA, HAS SERVED AS A SENATOR SINCE HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1965. HE HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR TO ROME. IN 1971 ROCKE WAS NAMED TO THE ROYAL COMMITTEE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF JERUSALEM. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED ARAB KINGDOM AND WORKED TO ELICIT PALESTINIAN SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL. DURING THE 1930'S AND THE 1940'S ROCKE WAS INVOLVED IN ANTI-BRITISH ACTIVITY. HE ATTENDED THE PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION IN LAUSANNE IN 1949. ROCKE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH AND EXCELLENT FRENCH.

IBRAHIM SALEH AL-ZURAYQAT, 55, IS JORDAN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA. HE HAS PROBABLY HELD THIS POST SINCE NOVEMBER 1969, ALTHOUGH ONE REPORT HAS HIM RETURNING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD IN 1971. AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE HE HAS TWICE ATTENDED UN SEABED COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN GENEVA (1972, 1973). ZURAYQAT BEGAN HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN NOVEMBER 1965, WHEN THE SWISS GOVERNMENT GRANTED HIM EXEQUATUR AS HONORARY CONSUL, WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. IN FEBRUARY 1968 HE JOINED THE JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WAS ASSIGNED AS MINISTER-CONSUL IN GENEVA. HE REPRESENTED JORDAN AT THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF NONNUCLEAR STATES IN GENEVA IN AUGUST 1968. ZURAYQAT IS SECRET

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A MEMBER OF A PROMINENT CHRISTIAN JERUSALEM FAMILY. HE HAS HAD ACADEMIC TRAINING IN LAW, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS. HE IS MARRIED.

ABD AL-HADI AL-MAJALI. BRIGADIER GENERAL ABD AL-HADI AL-MAJALI, 39, HAS BEEN COMMANDER OF THE JORDAN ARAB ARMY (JAA) SINCE 1967. RECENT SPECULATION BY A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE HAS MAJALI BECOMING DIRECTOR OF THE JAA PLANNING

AND ORGANIZATION SECTION IN AN ANTICIPATED RESHUFFLE OF TROOP ARMY PERSONNEL. (AN UNCONFIRMED RUMOR, HOWEVER, IMPLICATES MAJALI IN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RAKE-OFF IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MILITARY AIRFIELD IN JORDAN.) MAJALI IS WELL EDUCATED, OWNING M.A. AND PH.D.

DEGREES IN ENGINEERING, AND WELL CONNECTED. HIS COUSIN, FIELD MARSHAL HABIS MAJALI, IS CURRENTLY JAA CINC. MAJALI HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH KING HUSSEIN ON MANY PROJECTS. VARIOUS OBSERVERS HAVE FOUND MAJALI LOYAL TO HUSSEIN AND JORDAN, A DISTINGUISHED GENERAL OFFICER, HARD WORKING, DEDICATED, EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, AND POSSESSING OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ABILITY, AND ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS YOUNGER OFFICERS IN THE JAA. MAJALI IS PRO U.S. AND IS BELIEVED TO FEEL HIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE LIES WITH THE WEST. MAJALI IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE USACGSC (1971). HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

YUSUF KA'WASH - BRIGADIER GENERAL YUSUF KA'WASH, WEST BANK CHRISTIAN, HAS BEEN JORDAN ARAB ARMY (JAA) DIRECTOR OF MORAL GUIDANCE (TROOP INFORMATION) SINCE AUGUST 1973. HE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE LESS INFLUENCE IN THIS POSITION THAN HE DID WHEN, AS JAA DIRECTOR OF TRAINING (1971-73), HE WAS DESCRIBED AS EXERCISING LITTLE REAL DECISION-MAKING POWER AND AS BEING RELATIVELY INEFFECTIVE. DURING THE 1970 CRISIS IN JORDAN, KA'WASH'S LOYALTY TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM WAS SEVERELY QUESTIONED. THE GENERAL'S PRIOR POSTS HAVE INCLUDED: JAA DIRECTOR OF MOBILIZATION (1969), COMMANDANT OF THE SCHOOL OF INFANTRY (1967) AND STAFF OFFICER WITH THE UNITED ARAB COMMAND IN CAIRO (1964-67). KA'WASH IS A GRADUATE OF THE USACGSC (1959). HE IS SCHOLARLY, INTELLIGENT, AND PERSONABLE. RUSH

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